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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Lloyd A. Gall

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 138-162 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 138-144 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 161 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 152-154 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 145-151, 155-160 and 162 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 February 2006 and 22 March 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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### DETAILED ACTION

Claims 145-160 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 145, line 4 and claim 152, line 4, "a locking mechanism for" is unclear as to what is being locked (such as a hood, which is not claimed), since the locking mechanism bolts of claims 148 and 149 do not themselves prevent contents of the cash cassette from being accessed, as claimed in claim 145, line 5 and claim 152, line 5. In claim 146, line 3, claim 154, line 3 and claim 162, line 3, "and/or" is unclear. Appropriate correction is required.

In view of the above objections, the respective claims are rejected as best understood, on prior art, as follows.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 152-154 as best understood are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cassidy et al (5,615,625).

Cassidy teaches a transportable cash transit container security system 50 for attaching to a cash cassette 20 and for enabling a delivery person to transport the cassette 20, including a locking mechanism as set forth in column 4, lines 9-16 for locking the cover 50 over the cassette 20 to prevent access to the contents of the cassette 20, an activatable dye pack spoiling mechanism as set forth in column 4, lines 64-67, and a control module 74 in column 4, lines 40-48 which controls the spoiling mechanism as

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set forth in column 4, line 67, the control module 74 also receives a first signal and sends a second signal as set forth in column 5, lines 7-8 which inherently set forth that the locking mechanism is properly locked and the spoiling mechanism is properly positioned, wherein the spoiling mechanism spoils the contents of the cassette. With respect to claim 153, absolute time is also measured as set forth in column 5, lines 48-50. The control module 74 is also capable of communication with an ATM (which is not positively claimed), as set forth in column 3, lines 20-26 and column 3, line 51 through column 4, line 2.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 152-154 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim 161 is allowed. Provided the above objection to claims 145-151, 160 and 162 are overcome, claims 145-151, 160 and 162 would also be allowed.

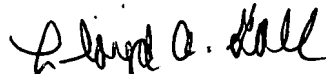
Provided the above claim objections are overcome, claims 155-159 would be objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 571-272-7056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Engle can be reached on 571-272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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